

# CITY of BEAVERTON

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## BEAVERTON IDENTIFIES FEDERAL STIMULUS PROJECTS

**Beaverton, Oregon (February 25, 2009)** – The City of Beaverton today unveiled a list of public works projects that it hopes will gain funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The City anticipates receiving \$2 million of the estimated \$12 million in federal transportation funds that may be allocated to Washington County and its cities. Priority projects that meet the stimulus criteria include a signal timing system to improve traffic flow on Farmington Road (OR 10), an overlay project on Hall Boulevard and sidewalks on Laurelwood Avenue and Birchwood Road.

“Funding for these projects would be an important investment in our infrastructure,” said Mayor Doyle. “Transportation improvements are crucial for future growth and job creation here in Beaverton.”

The priority list was determined based on Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) guidance and federal stimulus funding criteria. Acceptable projects should be ready to build, have no right-of-way impacts, have no known environmental issues, and must meet air quality conformity requirements. Each of the projects on the list are included in Beaverton’s long term regional transportation plan, except for the overlay projects which are considered maintenance.

Beaverton’s prioritized list of transportation projects includes these “ready-to-go” projects:

*(Costs shown are estimates.)*

1. **Farmington Road Adaptive Signal Control Project:** Installation of adaptive signal timing system along SW Farmington Road (OR 10) from Hocken Avenue to Griffith Drive. New system can adjust signal timing based on real-time traffic information, respond to special events, traffic volume changes and unpredictable incidents, thus reducing travel time by at least 15 percent. (\$804,000)
2. **Hall Boulevard Overlay:** Project includes grinding and repaving 2500 feet of five-lane Hall Boulevard, from Ridgcrest Drive to Hart Road. (\$785,000)
3. **Laurelwood Sidewalk:** Project adds 2,143 feet of curb, sidewalk and storm drainage on Laurelwood Avenue between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and Birchwood Road. (\$343,000)
4. **Birchwood Sidewalk:** Project adds 1,392 feet of curb, sidewalk and storm drainage on Birchwood Road between Laurelwood Avenue and 87th Avenue. (\$170,000)

A list of alternative projects includes Cedar Hills Boulevard signal retiming from Millikan Way to Walker Road to improve traffic flow (\$56,000), sidewalks for SW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Birchwood Road to Canyon Road (\$306,000) and a full scale adaptive signal control installation on Cedar Hills Boulevard (\$906,000).

On Thursday, March 5, Metro’s Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) will review the list of each jurisdiction’s top priority projects, reflecting approximately 50 percent of the region’s allocation of federal funds. JPACT will review the remainder of the projects at its April 9 meeting.

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